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SUBJECT: FY 74 AND FY 75 NARCOTICS BUDGET REVIEW

REF: A) STATE 160296; B) HONG KONG 1082

1. FOLLOWING SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REF A:

(A) TABLE I SUMMARY--NCAP REQUESTED:

FY73 ACTUAL	FY 74 ESTIMATED	FY 75 PROPOSED	TOTAL
STATE			

LEADER GRANTS

4,126	-0-	-0-	4,126
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CONGEN TRAVEL

-0-	600	600	1,200
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IPA & BNDD COURSE

UNKNOWN	25,000	25,000	
EQUIPMENT			
-0-	100,000	100,000	200,000

NOTES: FY73 IPA AND BNDD COURSE FOR HODSON (STATE 104709)
FUNDING REQUIREMENTS NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY. HKG FIGURES FOR
TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT ARE NOT KNOWN.

(B) TABLE II, PART A, NARRATIVE:

(1) AS STATED IN REFB, WE PROPOSED TRAINING OF TEN NARCOTICS
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT TWO-WEEK DEA OR CUSTOMS COURSES INCLUDING
PYAMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM. PROJECT WOULD RESULT IN
IMPROVED EXPERTISE LEADING TO MORE EFFECTIVE HKG ENFORCEMENT
EFFORT AND BETTER HKG-USG COOPERATION. HKG WOULD SELECT AND
MAKE AVAILABLE KEY PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING. THIS PROPOSAL REMAINS
AS MAJOR TARGET FOR HONG KONG FOR BOTH FY74 AND FY 75 AND WOULD
COST APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 PER YEAR. MAJOR PROBLEM IS AID'S
INABILITY TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND HKG'S REQUIREMENT THAT
SUCH BUDGETING BE PROVIDED ABOUT ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE. THUS,
PROGRAM APPEARS LIMITED TO AVAILABILITY OF BRITISH HONG KONG CIVIL
SERVANT BEFORE OR AFTER HOME LEAVE IN GREAT BRITAIN AS IN CASE OF
HODSON (STATE 104709) ATTENDANCE IN IPA NARCOTICS MANAGEMENT
SUPPORT COURSE NO. 4. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT FUNDS BE
AVAILABLE FOR CONGEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY SUCH OPPORTUNITY
FOR TRAINING THAT SHOULD ARISE.

(2) URGENT REQUIREMENT REMAINS FOR TECHNICAL DETECTION EQUIPMENT
AS INDICATED REF B. IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPLY EITHER SPECIFIC FISCAL
YEAR OR SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF FUNDING SINCE IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING
THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN PERFECTED, BUT WE ARE
ESTIMATING \$100,000 FOR FY 74 AND FY 75. IF AND WHEN SENSING
EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO SMELL OUT ACETIC ANHYDRIDE AND OTHER
CHEMICALS USED IN PROCESSING HEROIN IS AVAILABLE, WE WOULD WISH
TO BE IN POSITION TO SUPPLY TO HKG ON PRIORITY BASIS FOR
DETECTION OF HEROIN LABORATORIES.

(3) REGIONAL TRAVEL OF CONGEN OFFICERS--WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THAT INTERRELATIONSHIP OF HONG KONG NARCOTICS PROBLEM WITH
SOUTHEAST ASIA MAKES IT ESSENTIAL THAT CONGEN OFFICERS DEALING
WITH NARCOTICS HAVE SOME FUNDS AVAILABLE, OTHER THAN NORMAL POST
TRAVEL FUNDS, FOR SPECIFICALLY NARCOTICS-RELATED TRAVEL. CASE
AT POINT IS CONGEN ATTENDANCE AT PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 18-20 TRI-
EMBASSY MEETING IN BANGKOK TO WHICH CONGEN ATTENDANCE PROPOSED.
IF FUNDING AVAILABLE WE WOULD CONTEMPLATE SENDING NARCOTICS
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ACTION OFFICER ON TO RANGOON AND VIENTIANE FOR BRIEFINGS ON
SITUATION WHICH WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO HIM IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH HKG AUTHORITIES IN FUTURE.

(C) TABLE II, PART B--EXPLAINED IN NARRATIVE SECTION ABOVE.

(D) TABLE III--WITH EXCEPTION OF DEA OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO HONG
KONG, NO SINGLE CONGEN OFFICER SPENDS AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT OF HIS
TIME ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. FOR STATE, HOWEVER, ONE FSO-2 AND

ONE FSO-4 EACH SPEND APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 30 PERCENT OF TOTAL TIME ON NARCOTICS MATTERS, MAKING A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF ONE FSO- MANPOWER PER YEAR DEVOTED TO THE PROGRAM. USIS SIMILARLY HAS SEVERAL AMERICAN AND FSL EMPLOYEES WHO SPEND PORTION OF TOTAL MANHOURS ON NARCOTICS ALTHOUGH NONE SPENDS 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL TIME.

2. FORMAT OF REF A OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED FOR POSTS HAVE SUBSTANTIAL AID OPERATIONS AND HONG KONG PROGRAM DOES NOT FIT WELL INTO COMPUTERIZED-TYPE PROGRAMMING CONTEMPLATED. IN-COUNTRY TRAINING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HKG AUTHORITIES AND DIFFICULTIES OVER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FUNDING MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PROJECT IN ADVANCE WITH ANY CERTAINTY DEFINITE TRAINING POSSIBILITIES. HKG ALSO WELL ABLE FINANCIALLY TO PURCHASE ANY NECESSARY EQUIPMENT BUT HAS URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR SOPHISTICATED SENSING DETECTORS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. WE URGE THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN WASHINGTON'S ASSESSMENT OF THESE BUDGET PROPOSALS.
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